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MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE GEORGE P. SHULTZ  
The Secretary of State

THE HONORABLE CASPAR W. WEINBERGER  
The Secretary of Defense

THE HONORABLE WILLIAM J. CASEY  
The Director of Central Intelligence

GENERAL JOHN W. VESSEY, JR.  
The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

SUBJECT: Iraqi Military Needs (S)

The President has considered the interagency recommendations on Iraqi military needs forwarded under a memorandum from the Executive Secretary of the Department of State dated April 20, 1984. The recommendations in the interagency paper are approved: (TS)

- The Department of Defense should provide the recommended operational advice to the Government of Iraq through existing intelligence channels. (TS)
- The Department of State should discreetly encourage enhanced training and operational advice by the Governments of Egypt and France. The areas cited as critical to improved Iraqi performance should be discussed with these governments. (TS)
- The possibility of indirect arms transfers to the Government of Iraq should be continually reviewed in light of developments in the war and Iraqi needs. (TS)

- The Department of State should chair an interagency review of our export policy toward Iran. Specific recommendations should be submitted by May 15, 1984. (TS)

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-- The Department of State should closely monitor the negotiations on financing the Aqaba pipeline between the prime contractor and the EXIMBANK. Recommendations on further action should be submitted as necessary. (S)

In all of our contacts with the Iraqi Government, we should continue to stress the need for restraint in the use of chemical warfare munitions. The GOI must be made to understand that continued use of CW munitions will jeopardize improved relations and enhanced cooperation with the USG. (TS)

FOR THE PRESIDENT:

  
Robert C. McFarlane

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